secured parking lot, restaurant/dhaba, hygenic toilets, first aid service, repair facility and telephone, STD/ISD, FAX, etc. at the Jubilee retail outlets. The Scheme was launched as a utility service for the motoring public as a 'Pilot Project'.

Percentage of loss of MS and HSD

2427. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount is paid by BPCL to job contractor for providing manpower on its CoCo retail outlet named BP-21 at Chandigarh;

(b) what is the percentage of loss of MS and HSD on this R/o's account of evaporation loss and handling loss, respectively, and its value thereof;

(c) whether the BPCL has conducted enquiry against the excessive loss of product on this R/o and what are the detailed results of said enquiry and the amount spent on this enquiry; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against responsible persons for this said embezzlement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) BPCL is paying Rs. 2,76,000/- per month to the operator for providing manpower at BP-21 Chandigarh.

(b) to (d) Detailed investigations were carried out by a team of officers of BPCL to ascertain the reasons for the loss. Evaporation/ handling losses of Motor Spirit and HSD in this RO is higher than the laid norms and is on account of operation reasons.

Since the enquiry was conducted by BPC officers only, no extra amount was spent on this enquiry.

No evidence of embezzlement was found.